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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements filed on November 22, 2005 and June 16, 2004, Applicants hereby submit a copy of an Australian Written Opinion dated December 12, 2005, with respect to patent family member Australian Patent Application No. SG 200401423-9, in which the following documents were cited:

U.S. Patent No. 5,955,242, together with patent family member U.S. Patent Nos. 6,100,011 and 6,280,901; and

International Patent Publication No. WO 98/06008, together with patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,719,004.

The relevance to the document, as ascertained by the Australian Examiner applying Australian rules to the claims, is set forth in the Australian Written Opinion.

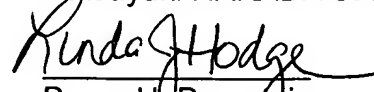
Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of the above-noted foreign document is attached hereto and all of the above-noted documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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